

### MAD MUMBLINGS



We'd like to start the column off with an announcement we are pleased to make. A collection of the best stories from MAD has been printed and bound in a Pocket-Book edition by the Ballantine Book publishers. Copies are available for 35c at your magazine-stands and book-shops. -ed.

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed reading issue #17 of MAD, but it gave me a terrible headache because some dope put the cover on upside-down and I had to stand on my head to read the book. I didn't want anybody to think I was reading the book with the cover upsidedown.-Flat Top-(No Address)

... What are the addresses of the bee-utiful candidates for Miss Potgold of 1955? I like the one with the pony-tail.-

Tommy Anvill-Brookline, Mass.

... My vote (gasp) my vote is (ugh) Miss Bontney Flent.-Rich-(No Address)

... Enclosed you will find my ballot for the Miss Potgold '55 contest with one slightly aged bung; also, one genuine shark's tooth from Florida: and one sample of radio-active pitchblende from Canada. The shark's tooth is guaranteed to prevent paintpots from falling on your head when you pass under a ladder. With one of these in your pocket, the painter will fall on your head.-Barry Roth-Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

... The returns are in from that Miss Potgold contest and George has won, hands down. However, the contest has been invalidated since most of you dirty cheapskate bums didn't send

along your bungs from kegs of Potgold beer.-ed.

... I couldn't enclose the bung from the keg of Potgold beer because I don't have the money, there isn't any sold where we live, but mainly I don't drink beer.—Stuart Glass—(No Address)

... I liked the Potgold feature. I thought that the candidates took sheer genius to draw.—Brian Daly—Bronx, N. Y

... I just had to write and tell you how much I enjoyed Basil's (Miss Potgold) story.-George Ball-Woonsocket, R. I.

... We know that lampoon material is dwindling rapidly, but that is no excuse for those (echhhh) 6 pages of tripe by Basil Wolverton in #17. Leave the pages blank and we can droodle on them.-Al Heumann-Upper Darby, Penn.

... The girls you drew as the future Miss Potgold were disgusting and sickening. I also think you should leave the beer out of the comic-books. There is entirely too much beer being advertised now where kids can see it without it being in the comic-books. Now I know why they are banning some of the comic-books. – (Anonymous)

... In reading issue #17, I liked very much the Potgold feature. I think that you really showed what beer is. Keep up the

good work.-(Anonymous)

...One item that you forgot in Julius Caeser is practiced by almost every comic-book publisher including yours! This is, the practice of putting exclaimation points after every sentence!-

Peter Graham-Fairfax, Cal.

...We of SPACMWP (Society for Prevention of Abuse Cruelty, and Misuse of the Word Potrzebie) were horrified when we read the letter of Mr. Moss, Pres. of SPAMWF (Society for Prevention and Misuse of the Word Furshlug giner), in which he came right out and insulted the word Potrzebie. Such thoughtlessness and insolence cannot go on unnoticed. We thought it was bad enough the way you were mutilating the true meaning of the word in your stories. We wish you would stop. Also, we demand an apology from Mr. Moss. -T. R. Lee (pres. SPACMWP) - Waukesha, Wis.

...You can't imagine how shocked we at SPAMWP (Society for the Prevention and of Abuse and Misuse of the Word Potrzebie) were when we read the letter from that Burl Moss person.—Robert Jolly (pres. SPAMWP)—San Antonio, Tex.

... We think that this is a very uncouth accusation and from now on, we of APMUWP (Association for Prevention and Misinterpretation and Use of the Word Potrezebie.) will have nothing to do whatsoever with their silly word.—James Cromwell (pres. APMUWP)-Rush, Tex.

... We of the SFWP (Society for the Furtherment of the Word Potrzebie) demand an apology.—Philip Winterson (pres. SFWP)—Winchester, Mass.

... I was amazed at the blast you took at Joe McCarthy and Roy Cohn. in MAD #17. It seems like you guys should leave your hands off politics in your mags. Communism is no joke!... and neither are the men who fight it. You can't stay in business writing stuff like that.-Nelson Lyon-Parsippany, N. J.

.. MAD analysed: Psychologically - A release of socially induced inhibitions through hyperbolie portrayal of the conventional aspects in the inhibitory agents; Egoistically—A mechanism for personal (editors) and general (readers) exultation by ludirous grasping of the universal components which comprise existence; Historically - An inevitable reaction to the current evolution of human understanding where traditions, prejudices, systems, cultures and technology have been extended to unprecidented planes of specific intricacy but total incongruity: - Medicinally-An ingenious consideration of the world's prognosis and supurb panacea for the condition; Metaphysically—A bold and expansive effort at comprehending in the most possible omniscience and frequently sub specie aeternitatis; Pecuniously-A diabolically clever method of obtaining a speedy shekel (fast buck).—Ernest Sherman—(Negative Residential Indication)

... Wallahi! What a magazine! The stories within these covers would have pleased the Commander of the Faithful himself. Has it not been truly written... There is no MAD but MAD, and Melvin is its Prophet. Salaam, Sidi Effendi, and by the Ninety and Nine Names of Potrzebie, give us more.—Sheik el John el Gaboury—(No Address)

...I think your mag is swell for squashing spiders.—B. L. D.

... I thought you'd be interested in knowing that your comic is more popular than igisher, ehougha, and many more.—Peggy Dart-San Diego, Cal.

... What kind of idiot is so touchy that he will mistake the Mona Lisa for the Madonna or shout "Prejudice!" when you satirize an already satirized Chineses (Mad Mumblings, Issue #17)? MAD is by far the most intelligent and mature comic on the market, besides the generally wittiest. From the start, you have cleverly pointed out the stupidities, the idiocies, the hypocracies of life today. You are the only comic that has dared to be subtle...to assume intelligence on the part of the reader. Your wide adult circulation has proven a point: that it is possible to be funny while you advance a worthwhile message. I think I speak for most readers when I say, keep it up. You haven't been stepping on any toes that don't need it.-Ted Nelson-New York, N. Y.

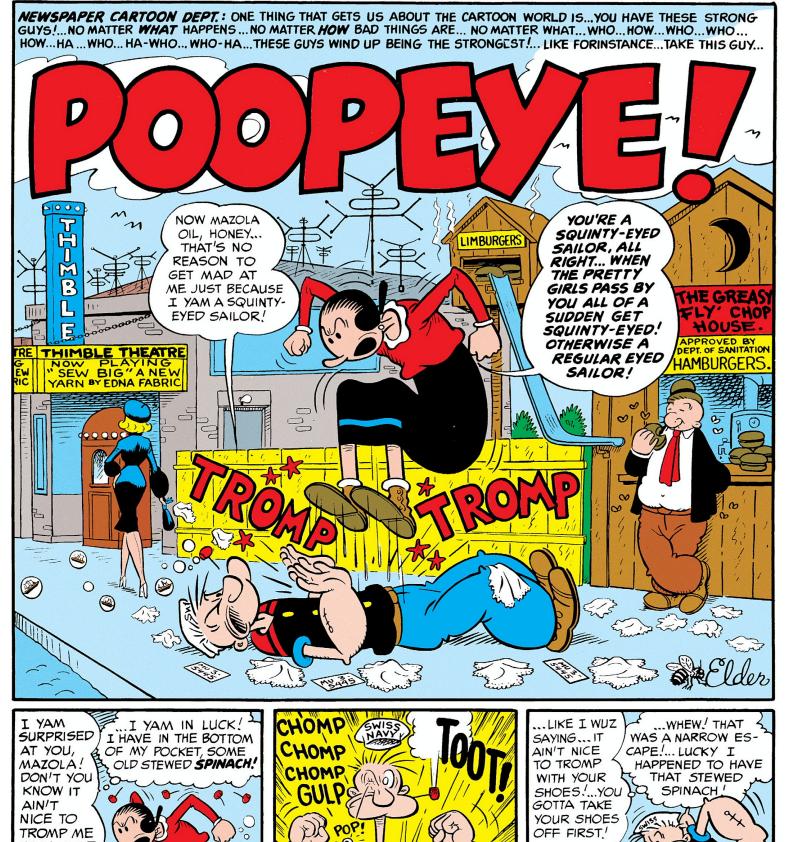
... I have read plenty of comic-books, and most of them are real childish. At least you have hit on a book that grown-ups can get a laugh out of. My buddies and I get a real jolt from your humor.-Pfc. Frank Blahnik-Yangu, Korea.

. Please be advised that your book MAD has been relegated to the incinerator since its first appearance in our home. Its ugly, sexy caricatures of the human face and form and suggestive theme are obnoxious. What a way to earn a living!-Mrs. M. E. Biggs-San Jose, Cal.

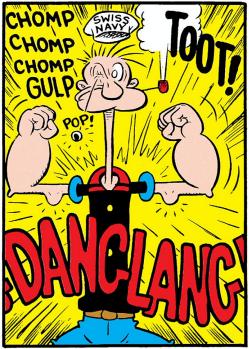
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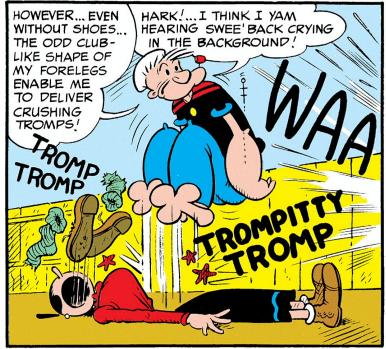
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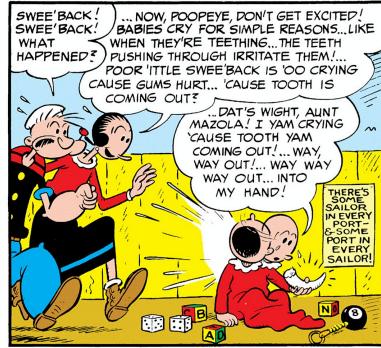


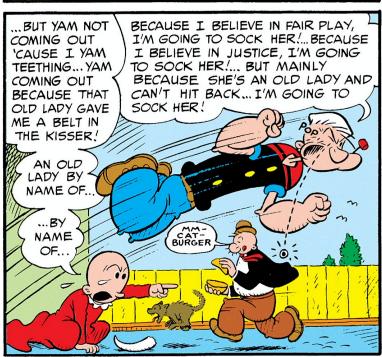


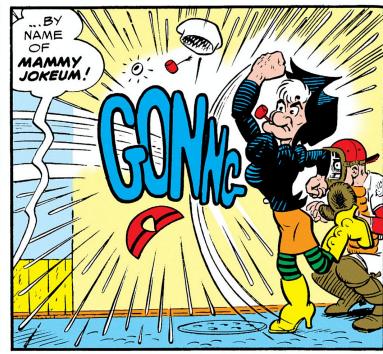




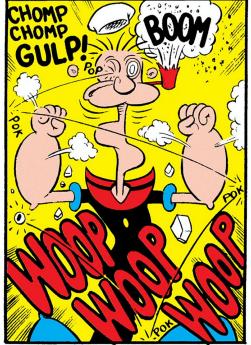


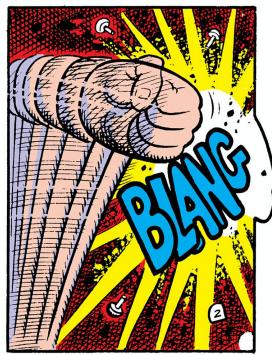




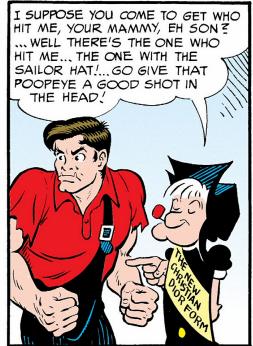


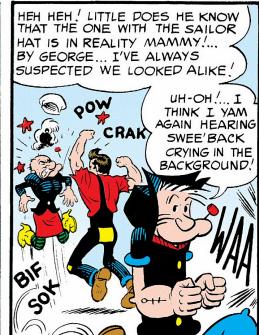


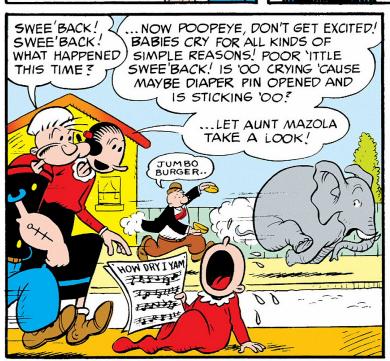


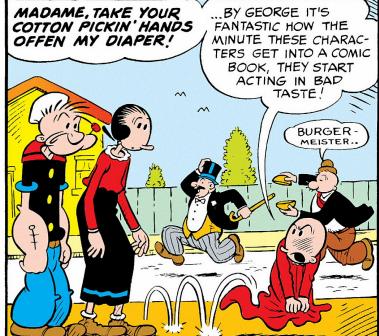


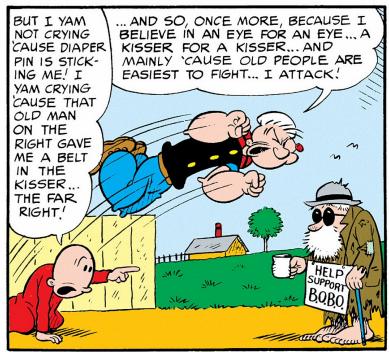


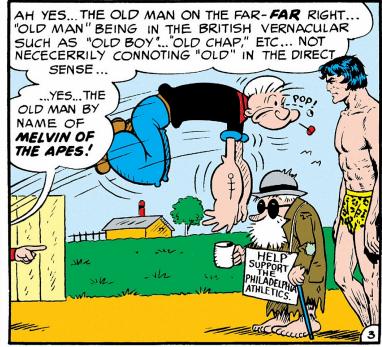


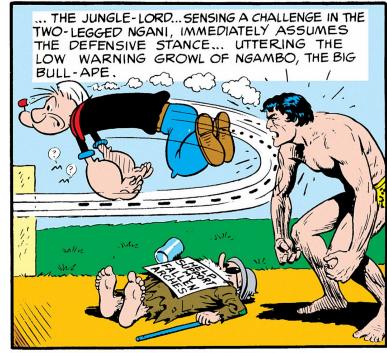


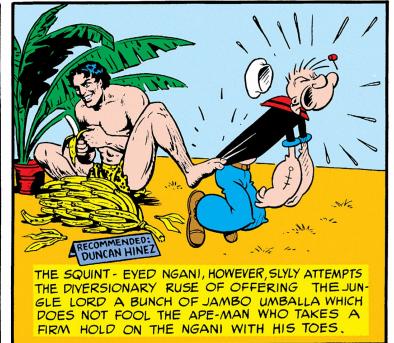






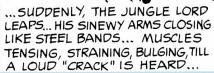


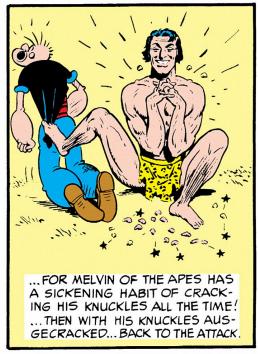


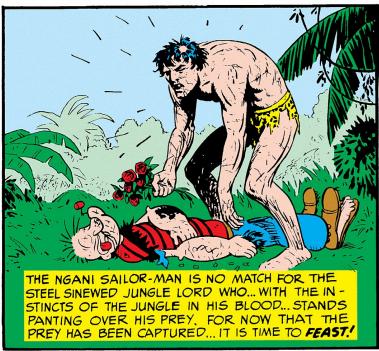


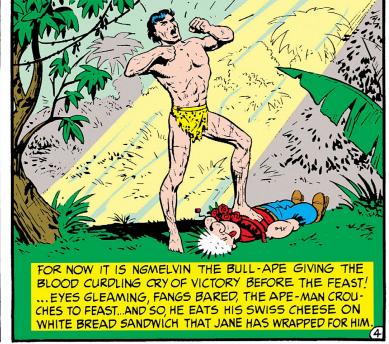


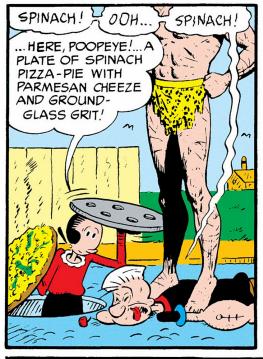


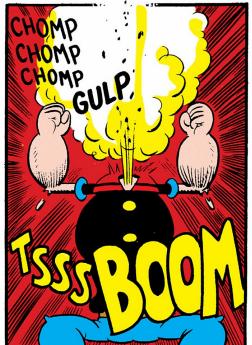




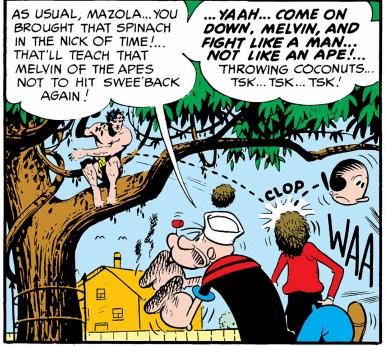


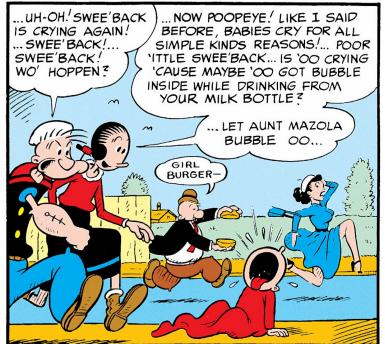


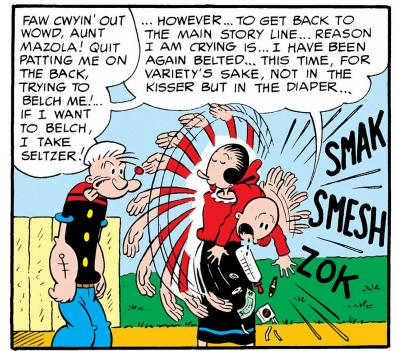


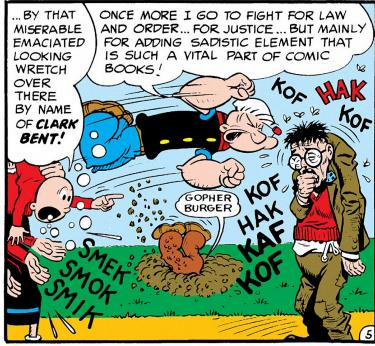






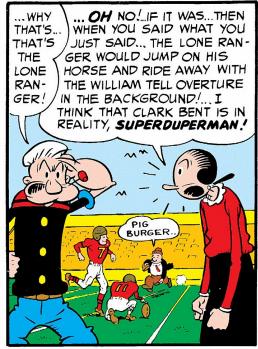


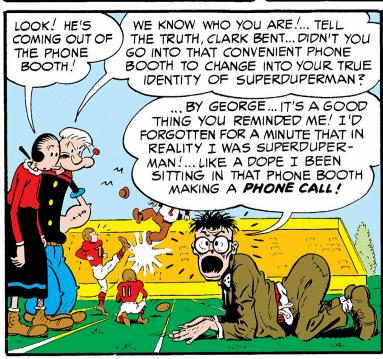


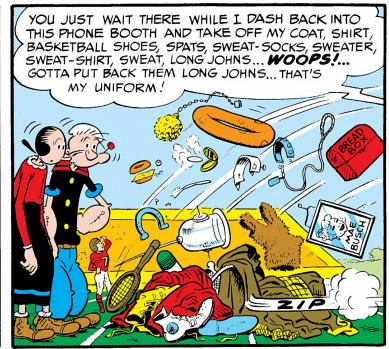


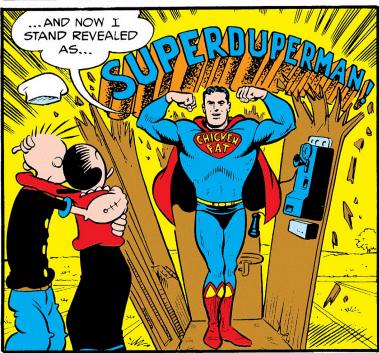


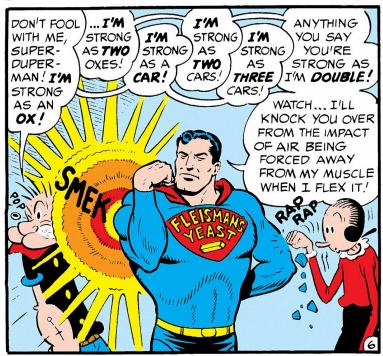








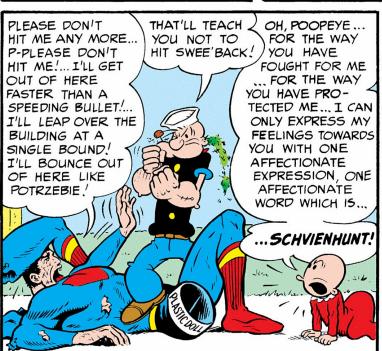


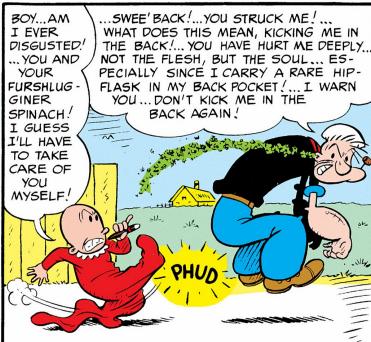


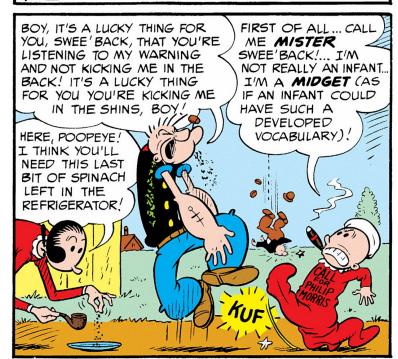


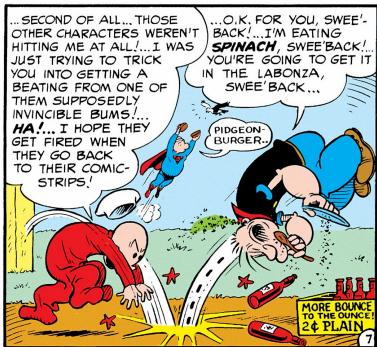


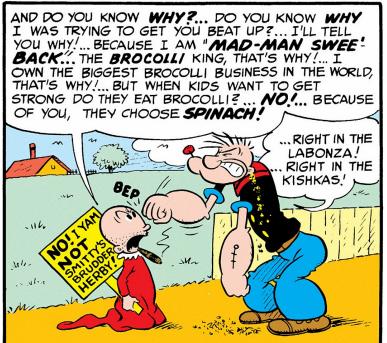


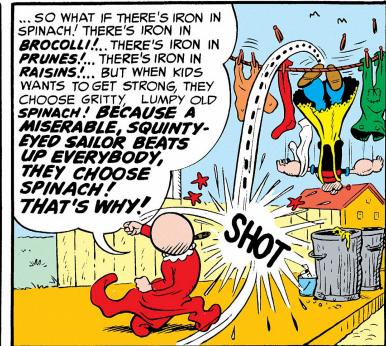




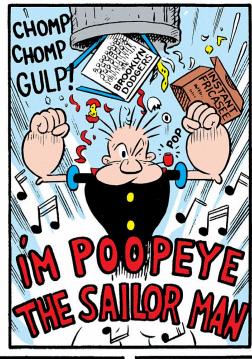




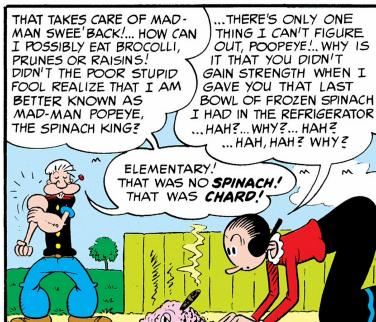


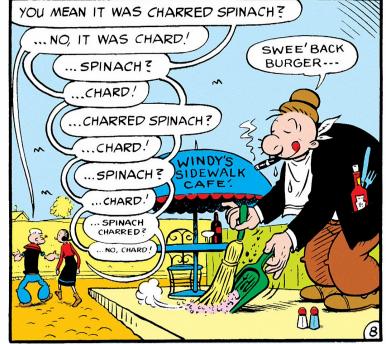












SCIENCE DEPT.: YOU EVER WATCH ONE OF THESE SPORTS NEWSREELS WHERE THEY'VE SPED UP THE CAMERA TO SLOW DOWN THE ACTION ?... BY GEORGE, THERE'S MORE GOES ON IN AN ACTION THAN MEETS THE EYE!... LIKE FORINSTANCE, LET US SHOW YOU WHAT HAPPENS TO A GOLF BALL, BY GEORGE (THAT'S GEORGE DOWN THERE)... WHEN THE GOLF CLUB STRIKES IT IN ...

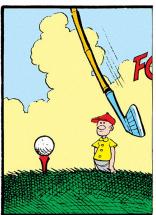
GOLF: HERE IS AN ORDINARY GOLF BALL ON A TEE!

...FROM THE RIGHT, THE GOLF CLUB APPROACHES CONTACT, WHERE CLUB

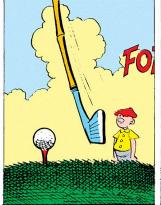
... HERE, THE POINT OF ON DOWNWARD SWING! TOUCHES SURFACE OF BALL ...

... NOTE INTERESTING PHENOMENON CAUGHT BY BALL FLATTENS AN IN-THE SLOW-MOTION CAMERA... STANT BEFORE LEAVING TEE!

... NOTE HOW SIDE OF GOLF



... STILL FLATTENING, BEND-ING THE CLUB AN INSTANT BEFORE LEAVING THE TEE ...



... FLATTENING, BENDING ... ANY MINUTE BALL IS ABOUT TO LEAVE TEE ...



... BENDING, FLATTENING BENDING ... ABOUT TO ANY MINUTE LEAVE ...



... BENDING, LEAVING BENDING. HEY WHAT THE HECK ...



... SOMEONE NAILED THE BALL INTO THE GROUND, BY GEORGE





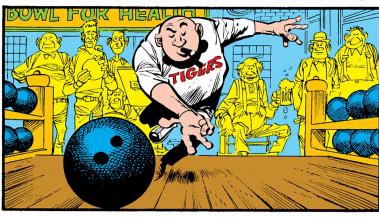






TO THE NORMAL UNAIDED EYE ... AN EXPERT BOWLER APPEARS MERELY TO PROJECT THE SPHEROID IN THE DIRECTION OF THE TEN-PINS!

THE BALL THEN, APPEARS, TO YOUR NORMAL, UNAIDED, MISER-ABLE BLOODSHOT EYE, TO SHOVE THE PINS EFFORTLESSLY INTO THE PIT... BUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENS ... HOOO HOOOO...





THE SLOW MOTION CAM-ERA COMES TO OUR RES- CIAL SPIN YOU CAN ONLY CUE! THERE GOES THE BALL ... NOTICE IN SLOW MOTION ...

... TURNING A CERTAIN SPE-

... THIS SPIN MAKING IT MIDDLE PINS FIRST ...

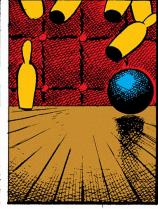
... THEN THE CERTAIN REVOLVE SO'S IT HITS THE SPECIAL WAY IT HITS MAKES A SPECIAL WAY, IT IT TURN LEFT AND HIT ...

... AND IT HITS IN SUCH TURNS RIGHT AND HITS ...









SO YOU SEE, IT AC-TUALLY HITS IN THREE DIRECTIONS AT ONCE!

EYE SEES ALL THIS ACTION AS A HAZY BLUR! WE KNOW BETTER, EH?

MOTION CAMERA, HA HA ... PINS COMING TO REST IN

OF COURSE, THE UNAIDED BUT THANKS TO OUR SLOW THERE YOU SEE ALL THE ...THANKS TO OUR SLOW-THE PIT AND ... UH OH ...

MOTION CAMERA, WE NO-TICE ONE PIN STANDING!











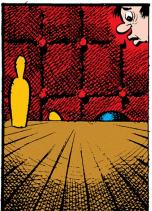


HOWEYER, YOU WILL NO-TICE BALL IS STILL SPINNING IN THE PIT ...

... IN SUCH A CERTAIN SPECIAL SPIN ENABLING IT TO LEAP FROM PIT ...

... STRIKING THE RE-MAINING PIN AND SPIN-NING BACK INTO THE PIT!

NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE UNAIDED EYE SEES ALL THIS AS A HAZY BLUR!









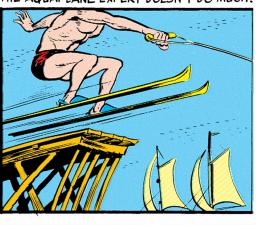


AND NOW EVERYTHING HAS BEEN STRUCK DOWN INTO THE PIT.

AQUAPLANING: TO THE NAKED EYE, THE AQUAPLANE EXPERT DOESN'T DO MUCH!

WE SEE HIM SAIL THROUGH THE AIR AND DISAPPEAR FOR AN INSTANT IN A SPLASH!...YOU WHO HAVE OBSERVED THIS ...

OBSERVED THIS MERELY WITH THE NAKED EYE ... ALL WE HAVE TO SAY TO YOU IS ... SHAME ON YOU! GO GET DRESSED!





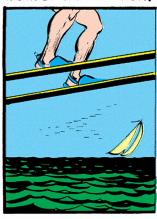
THE MAGIC SLOW MOTION CAMERA REVEALS THE TRUTH OF THE SITUATION!

FROM THE LEFT, OUR AQUAPLANER DESCENDS TOWARDS THE WATER!

POINT OF CONTACT... NOTE NOTE HOW MOMENTUM SPLASH BEGINNING TO RISE FROM SURFACE!

ACTUALLY FORCES BODY MOMENTUM FORCES INTO THE WATER!

NOTE HOW DEEP THE BODY INTO THE WATER!











NOTE IN FACT HOW THE BODY GOES COMPLETE- HAPPENS SO FAST THE UNDER WATER ..

NATURALLY ... ALL THIS NORMAL EYE MISSES IT!

ACTUALLY IT'S FAST!

... I MEAN, IT MAY LOOK ... ACTUALLY, THE BODY SLOW IN SLOW MOTION ... TAKES A FRACTION OF A SECOND TO BOB UP!

...THIS IS ACTUALLY ALL HAPPENING IN A FRACTION OF A SECOND ...







... AND ANY SECOND, THE BODY WILL COME TO THE SURFACE ACTUALLY ...



... ANY SECOND, TO THE SURFACE WILL ACTUALLY THE BODY COME ...



...WELL HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?... TSK TSK TSK!



BY GEORGE ... THE BOAT BY MISTAKE WENT INTO THE SHALLOWS!







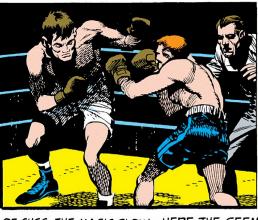




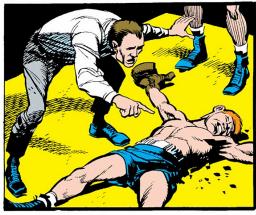
NG: TO THE NORMAL EYE, BOXING IS NEVER EXCITING LIKE WRESTLING OR ROLLER DERBIES!

TO THE NORMAL EYE, A JAB MAY LOOK WEAK !... TO THE NORMAL EYE, A BLOW MAY LOOK HARMLESS!

...HOWEVER ... IF YOU GOT SUCH A BLOW TO YOUR NORMAL EYE, BOY WOULD YOU BE FARSHIMMELT ...







OF CUSS, THE MAGIC SLOW- HERE THE SEEMINGLY MOTION CAMERA SHOWS YOU WO HOPPEN!

SHORT JAB MAKES CONTACT WITH THE FACE!

... HERE WE SEE THE GLOVE BEGINNING TO SINK INTO THE FLESH!

... BEING A "RIGHT CROSS," HERE WE SEE THE FACE BEING PULLED TO THE LEFT! HALF ITS WIDTH!

... NOTE HOW THE FACE COMPRESSES TO



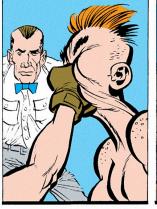
.. HERE THE GLOVE LEAVES THE FACE IN ITS LEFTWARD JOURNEY!



... NOTE THE POPPING SOUND WITH WHICH THE FACE RESUMES ITS SHAPE! FROM THE BLOW!



... NOTE THAT THE HEAD 15 STILL SPINNING



... NOTE THE MOUTHPIECE EMERGING FROM THE FORCE OF THE BLOW!



... NOTE HOW SOME TEETH FOLLOW THE MOUTHPIECE IN QUICK SUCCESSION!



... AND NOW WATCH HOW THE KNOCKOUT REALLY ARM IS ACCIDENTALLY COMES ABOUT!



... NOTE HOW THE LEFT BEING RAISED IN DEFENSE! FORCE OF THE BLOW... GLOVE, CAUSING KNOCKOUT! WITH REMAINING TEETH!



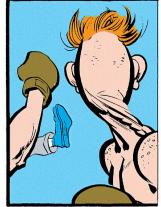
... NOTE THE HEAD, STILL TURNING FROM THE



... SMASHES ACCIDENTALLY ... AND FINALLY NOTE INTO THE UPRAISED

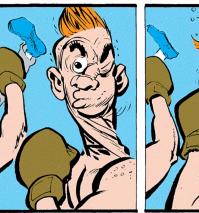


HOW THE AIR IS FILLED







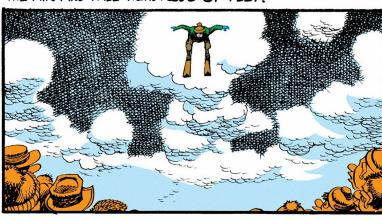






G. TO THE NORMAL, AMERICAN EYE, WE THINK NOTHING OF SEEING THE SKIER FLY THROUGH THE AIR AND FALL HUNDREDS OF FEET!

...WE THINK NOTHING OF SEEING HIM LAND IN A BIG FLURRY OF SNOW !... LITTLE DO YOU KNOW WHAT THINGS GO ON IN THAT BIG FLURRY OF SNOW!





THE FURSHLUGGINER SLOW-MOTION CAMERA HAS ALL THE ANSWERS!

...HERE, AFTER DESCENDING, ... THIS PARTICULAR OUR SKIER MAKES CONTACT WITH GROUND ... FAULTY LANDING!

SKIER HAS MADE VERY

...HERE, SKIER, BE-...HERE SKIER REACHES CAUSE OF FAULTY LAND. APEX OF FIRST BOUNCE ING, LEAVES GROUND! AND IS READY TO DESCEND!









...HERE SKIER DESCENDS! ...HERE SKIER CONTACTS ... NOTE SKIS COMPLETE- GROUND AGAIN, THIS LY OUT OF LINE!

TIME WITH BODY!

... NOTE HOW BODY TO HALF ITS DEPTH!

FLATTENS FROM FORCE UP FROM GROUND FOR TICITY AS SKIER RISES THE SECOND TIME!

... HERE SKIER BOUNCES ... NOTE REMARKABLE ELAS-OUT OF CAMERA RANGE!







... NOTE SKIER DESCENDS INTO PICTURE AGAIN, THIS TO CONTACT GROUND TIME HEAD FIRST!



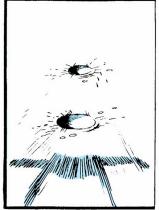
... NOTE HEAD ABOUT WITH GREAT FORCE!



... NOTE FORCE WITH WHICH SNOW AND ROCKS



... NOW NOTE SEPARATE PARTS OF SKIER AS THEY ARE FLUNG FROM IMPACT! BOUNCE UP FOR LAST TIME!











**SWIMMING:** NOW IN SWIMMING, WHEN THESE CHAMPIONS JUMP OFF THE DIVING BOARD, WHAT NORMAL HUMAN EYE CAN CATCH ALL THE GYRATIONS THEY DO IN ONE DIVE?



"JACK-KNIFE ... "

...THEN HE SNAPS INTO ...THEN, HE SNAPS INTO ...THEN, HE SNAPS INT AN INCOMPARABLE AN EXACT LEFT-HANDED A BEAUTIFULLY EXE-"TWIST-ABOUT ..."

... THEN, HE SNAPS INTO CUTED "TUMBLE ... "



THE MAGIC YOU-KNOW-

WHAT COMES TO OUR

@₩M@# RESCUE!

...THEN HE SNAPS INTO A ...THEN HE SNAPS INTO GORGEOUS "RIGHT-HANDED A MAGNIFIQUE "GRABTWIST ABOUT (UPSIDE-DOWN)..." FOOTED FOLD-OVER..."



...HERE THE DIVER LEAVES THE BOARD IN A PER-



... THEN HE SNAPS INTO A MARVELIEUX "GALLOP-PING FALL-DOWN ...



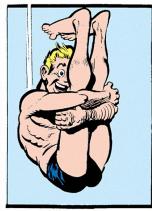
... THEN HE SNAPS INTO A VUNDERBAR "FALL-DOWN



... AS HE APPROACHES THE WATER, HE GRACE-DRAG-OUT ... AND FINALLY ... FULLY UNFOLDS ...



AIR IN A PERFECTLY EXECUTED "SWAN DIVE."



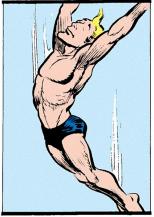
... SLOWLY TURNING IN ... STILL TURNING SO'S THAT HE CAN MEET THE WATER HEAD-ON!



NOTE THE FEARLESS



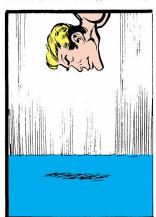
... NOTE THE POINT OF OUTTHRUST POSITION OF CONTACT ... HOW THE POINT

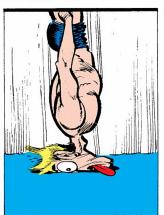


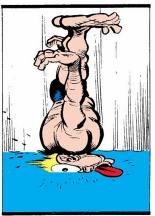
... NOTE HOW THE BODY ACTUALLY COMPRESSES FOR THE PLUMMETING HEAD! FLATTENS FROM INITIAL IMPACT! AN INSTANT FROM THE FORCE!

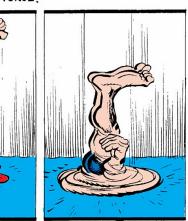


...WELL WHAT DO YOU KNOW!...NO WATER IN THE POOL, BY GEORGE!





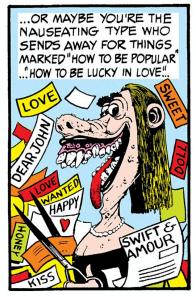






CUT-YOUR-OWN-THROAT DEPT .: AS OUR TINY RED EYES ROVE O'ER THE PILES OF DUSTY MAGAZINES IN OUR DARK LITTLE OFFICE, WE SUDDENLY REALIZE THAT WE'VE JABBED OUR POISONED PEN INTO EVERY PHASE OF COMIC BOOKS EXCEPT MAYBE LITTLE ODDS AND ENDS LIKE ... TRADE - MARKS ... COPYRIGHT STATEMENTS ... AND COMIC BOOK ADS !... SAY ... HOW'S ABOUT THEM ...

WHAT TYPE COMIC BOOK AD READER ARE YOU? ARE YOU THE FREELOADER TYPE WHO SENDS AWAY FOR ALL THINGS MARKED "FREE"?







ANYHOW ... LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THESE TYPICAL-TYPE COMIC BOOK ADS! FORINSTANCE, HOW'S ABOUT THEM HYPNOTISM ADS...



### when you know how!

Want the thrill of imposing your will over someone? Of Want the thrill of imposing your will over someone? Of making someone do exactly what you order? You do, do you? Shame on you, you dirty low-down no-good bum! Note illustration. Contrary to what your miserable mind may be thinking . . . it is the girl who is about to hypnotize the boy. Notice the position of her eyes which play important part in hypnotism. Also notice the position of her hand behind back which also plays most important part in hypnotism mainly since hand is holding baseball bat! To get your copy of our system of hypnotism, listen carefully and concentrate. 10 get your copy of our system of hypnotism, listen carefully and concentrate . . . concentrate . . . you are getting sleepy . . . sleepy . . . concentrate . . . go to your mother's pocket-book . . . you will take out \$1.98 . . . \$1.98 . . . concentrate . . . you will put it in an envelope with the coupon . . . WITH THE COUPON . . . concentrate . . . you will go out and mail it and then you will wake up and when you do you will forget you ever read this comic-book . . . CONCENTRATE . . mail coupon to . . . Concentrate Inc.. Concentrate Inc., 998 98th St., N. Y. 98, N. Y.

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**CONCENTRATE INC., Dept. Welfare** 998 98th St., N. Y. 98, N. Y.

Send me book on HOW TO HYPNOTIZE, oh master, for which I enclose \$1.98.

If not delighted, you will send my money back although I guess you will be delighted with my money.

#### **GET PRIZES...MAKE MONEY**

Look at the wonderful prizes shown below. They are just a few of the prizes I offer you without a cent of cost. Look at them! You want them, don't you! Admit it! By the way your beady little eyes are glistening and

your tongue is hanging out, you know you want them! Heh heh heh ... they're yours, you hear ... all yours! All you have to do is sell packs of my beautiful Christmas Cards at 25¢ a pack and get your father to sign a paper I will send you marked "contract"!

I'm good old friendly "Uncle"
Louie, heh heh heh, and I've been
helping boys and girls earn MONEY
for 36 years. I've been
boys and girls earn plenty MONEY
...mainly for me.

#### BE FIRST IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Sell my pretty little packs to your family, friends and neighbors. It's easy. Even if they don't need the cards, they'll feel obligated to buy them. By gosh, you can embarass every one of your relatives into buying a couple dozen packs. When sold — send ME the MONEY. Re-

member — ME, the MONEY send — MONEY — ME.

Thousands of smart boys and girls have been earning prizes this way. You can too — mainly because thousands of dumb boys and girls have also been earning prizes this way.

SEND NO MONEY, HEH HEH I TRUST YOU...YOU FOOL YOU
"Uncle" Louie Inc., Dept. Parks
Boobyville, U.S.A.

#### MAIL THIS COUPON Today

Please send me your BIG PRIZE BOOK and one order of 500 Christmas Packs. I will resell them at 25¢ each or clsc!... send you the money and choose my prize.

Rank	Account	Number	
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

JEAN, SEE THIS AD
OF GOOD OLD "UNCLE"
LOUIE. IT'S AN EASY
WAY TO GET THAT
RANGER AXE'N KNIFE
KIT I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED.

LET'S SEND A
COUPON TODAY,
WILLIE, I HAVE
LOTS OF RELATIVES I CAN
MAKE BUY THESE

CARI THE TAK DOI YOU



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## Maybe with blood but without one

#### YOUR OWN DRINKING CUP

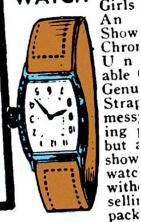


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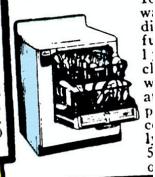
SET

Your prize for selling a mere 25 packs. Made especially for hiking and camping out. Your name on it (if your name happens to be Dixie). Very useful in all sorts of emergencies.

BEAUTIFUL W WATCH for B Girls



GENUINE I WASHING M



Perform feats of Chemical Magic. Make your own gunpowder and dynamite. This set for selling 100 packs.

NEPHEW WILLIE, YOUR
DS ARE BEAUTIFUL.
I'RE A BARGAIN. I'LL
E 998 PACKS. NOW
I'T FORGET TO HINT TO
IR FATHER TO MAKE SURE
MY NAME IS
IN HIS WILL LIKE
YOU PROMISED.





## end You Prizes Like hout ONE CENT OF COST

CENT Of COST. MAIL Coupon for . . . heh heh . . . FREE Prize Book

#### RIST

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Attractive with piece nium case, break-Crystal, and ine Leather os! . . No y old workparts inside, an attractive This piece. h is given out cost for ng just 500 s of cards.

#### DISH-ACHINE

leal for ashing dirty shes. Great in, especially if you imb inside hile in opertion. This rize at no ost for merey selling, 000 packs of cards.

#### CADILLAC DELUXE CAR



This swell outfit is not a toy but the real thing. Be first in your neighborhood to have one . . . for selling only 20,000 packs of cards.

## COLONIAL STYLE MANSION, COMPLETE

This swell outfit includes fully lands caped ground and a Southern exposure. Can be had for a mere 100,000 packs.

### REAL FACTORY



This swell outfit, complete with railroad siding and water tank will give you hours of fun. Yours without cost for selling 500,000 packs.

## RAILROAD TRAIN AND CARS



A genuine railroad train with pullman cars and caboose, fully equipped. Plus five miles of track to run on. Don't miss this outht for 1,000,000 packs.



What fun you'll have running it on real steam. Has swimming pool n'everything. Complete with five miles of salt-water to run on. Choice of Black or Green. 100,000,000 packs.









## PATHOS! TENSION! EXCITEMENT! HERE IS A SCENE FROM ONE OF E.C.'S "NEW DIRECTION"MAGS...

AND THEN ... DOWN DEEP INSIDE YOU ... YOU FEEL THE CHILL...THE COLD CHILL ... THE CHILL OF DEATH, YOU STARE AT THE PAPER ON YOUR LAP, UNABLE TO RAISE YOUR EYES ... AFRAID TO SEE WHAT YOU KNOW IS THERE, BUT, AFTER A FEW TERRORIZED MOMENTS, YOU CAN'T STAND IT! YOU DO LOOK UP! AND YOU SEE HIM ...



HE SITS STIFFLY, READING HIS PAPER, NOT LOOKING AT YOU, NOT NOTICING YOU. BUT YOU'VE SEEN HIM, CARL! YOU'VE SEEN HIS FACE ... THE ONE YOU KNEW SOMEDAY YOU'D SEE AGAIN ... THE FACE YOU'VE BEEN AFRAID TO SEE FOR TEN LONG YEARS, YOUR MOUTH TWITCHES. YOUR HANDS OPEN AND CLOSE, WET WITH PERSPIRATION ...



The Roman Arena! The French Revolution! Napoleon! Here is a scene from another of e.c.'s "new direction" mags...



HE OLD SWINEHERD LOOKED UP WITH HORROR AND AWE AS HIS TREMBLING HANDS WERE STRETCHED ACROSS A BOULDER AND HIS CHAINS WERE SHAT-TERED WITH THE BLOW OF A BATTLE-AXE ...



THE SERF STOOD BREATHLESSLY ... UNCOMPREHEND-INGLY... WATCHING THE KNIGHT AND HIS RETENUE RIDE OFF INTO THE MIST. AND HE NO LONGER WORE CHAINS...



intrigue! Headlines! Thrills!

FOLLOW KEITH MICHAELS, W.P. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, IN E.C.'S "NEW DIRECTION"MAG...

# EXTRA

AND STILL LATER...OUT AT THE ISLAND REEFS...

WAIT A MINUTE, MICHAELS! I DON'T SURE I DO!

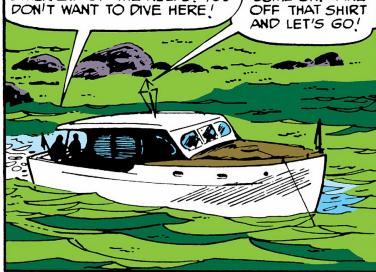
LIKE THIS SPOT! LET'S TRY THE I'M ALL SET!

OTHER END OF THE REEFS! YOU COME ON! TAKE

DON'T WANT TO DIVE HERE!

OFF THAT SHIRT

AND LET'S GO!



KEITH DIVES, IN THE BOAT, ANXIOUS, STRAINED FACES WAIT THROUGH THE LONG MINUTES, WATCHING THE AIR BUBBLES BURST ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER.



SCREAMING ACTION! BLAZING GUNS! EXPLODING FUR!!
TAKE TO THE COMBAT SKIES IN E.C.'S "NEW DIRECTION" MAG...

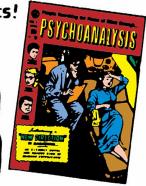
# ACES HIGH

YES, THAT'S HOW IT WAS. EVERY DAY, WE BALLANTLY FOUGHT A GALLANT ENEMY... WITHOUT REALLY HATING HIM! WE COULDN'T EVEN HATE THE JERRIES A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER, WHEN /T HAPPENED. THE C.O., COL. MIKE PEPPER, HAD LED EIGHTEEN OF US OVER JAGSTAFFEL II'S AIRDROME. WE'D DROPPED LOW OVER THE FIELD, BUZZING VON KRUESLING'S H.Q., "THROWING DOWN THE GAUNTLET"...



And now, the most revolutionary idea ever presented in comics! Discover the innermost secrets of people searching for peace of mind in E.C.'s "New Direction" mag...

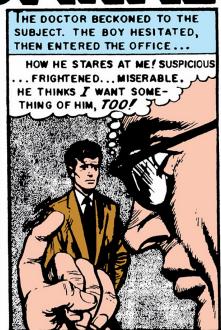
# PSYCHOALYSIS



THE SUBJECT'S PARENTS PASSED OUT THROUGH THE WAITING ROOM. THE DOCTOR SHOOK HIS HEAD...

THERE'S 90% OF THE TROUBLE...
A BAD MARRIAGE... INCESSANT
QUARRELS OVER REARING THE
CHILD...THE FATHER PULLING
ONE WAY...THE MOTHER, THE
OTHER. NO WONDER THE BOY'S
IN A STATE OF REBELLION AGAINST





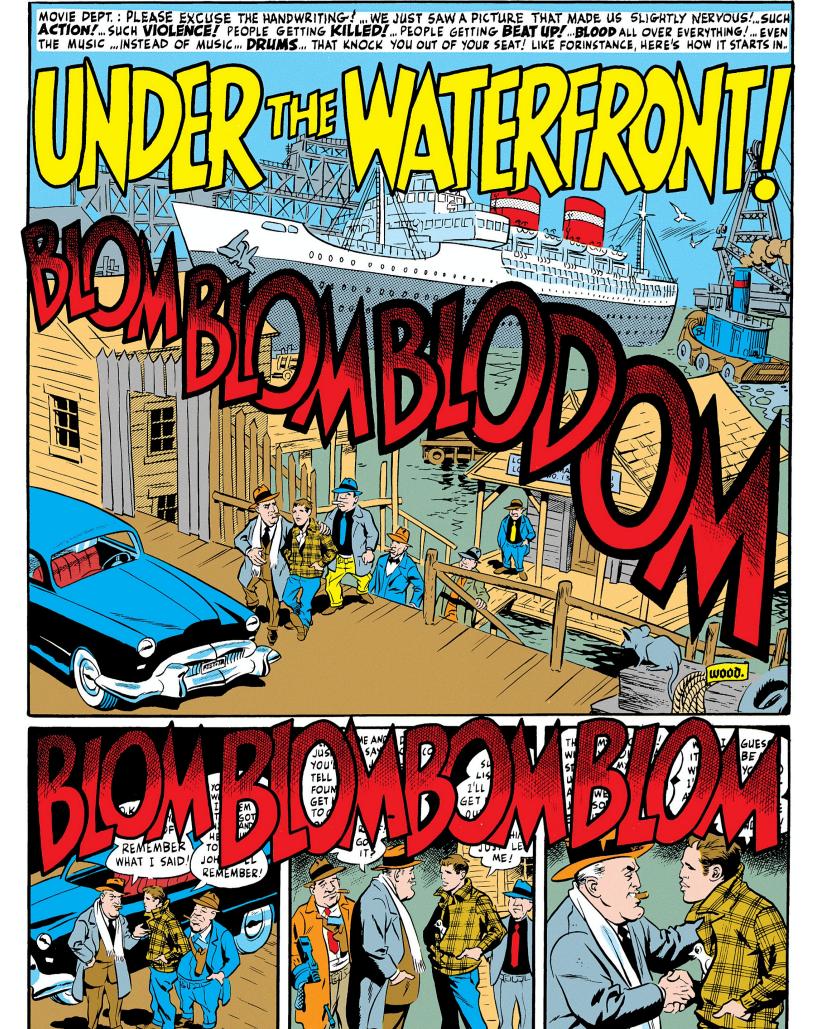


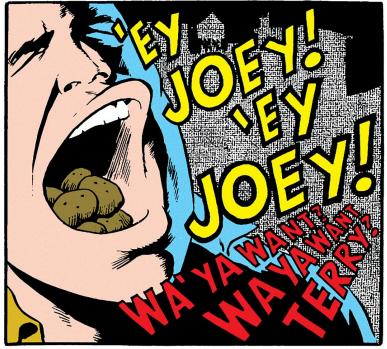
AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, WE AT E.C. HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK PREPARING A COMPLETELY NEW LINE OF MAGAZINES TO REPLACE THE ONES WE'VE DROPPED! AFTER MUCH HEAD-SCRATCHING, NAIL-BITING, AND BRAIN-RACKING... FOLLOWED BY PLENTY OF PENCILING, INKING, AND EDITING... WE ARE AT LAST READY TO UNVEIL OUR "NEW DIRECTION" MAGAZINES! TO AROUSE YOUR CURIOSITY, WE'VE PRESENTED THIS UNVEILING IN THE FORM OF COMING ATTRACTIONS! NOW YOU'VE SEEN THEM!

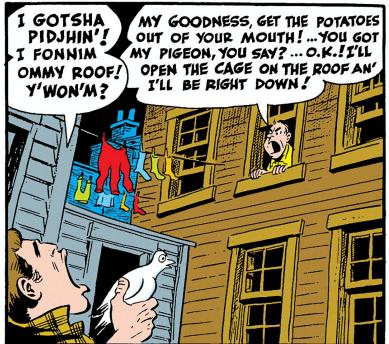
## LOOG FOR THEM ON YOUR NEWSTANDS!

IF YOU'D LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TO ANY AND/OR ALL OF THESE "NEW DIRECTION" MAGS, FILL OUT THE COUPON BELOW, ENCLOSE \$ 1.00 FOR EACH SUBSCRIPTION, AND MAIL TO ...

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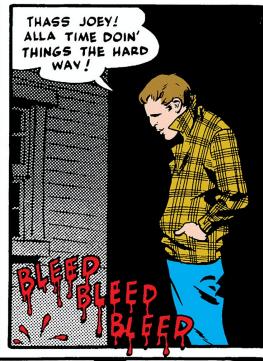


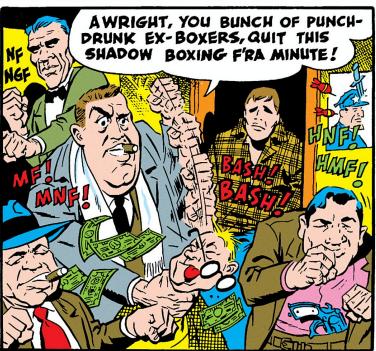


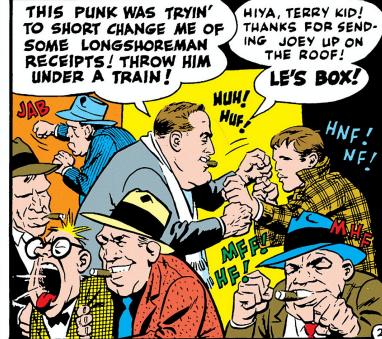


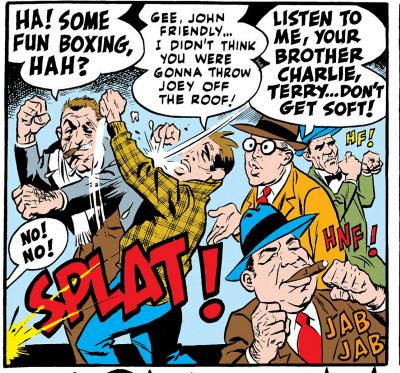


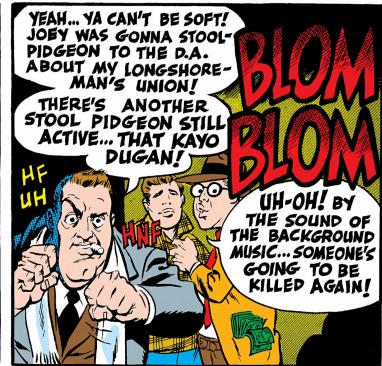


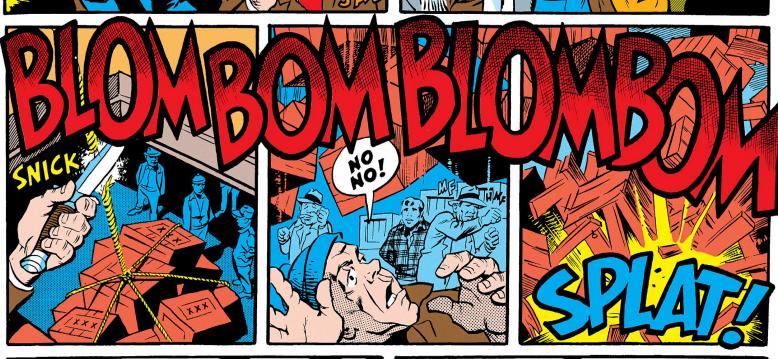


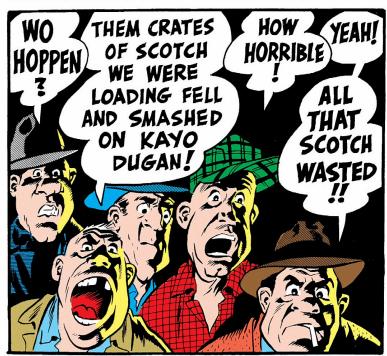


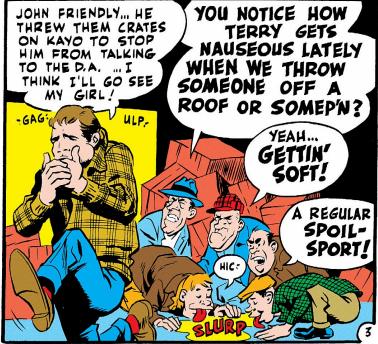


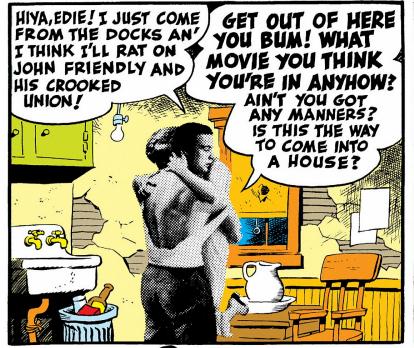




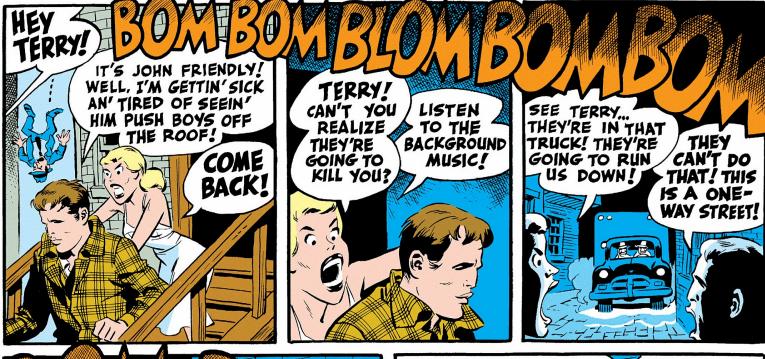




















Finally, as this, our current session draws to a close, we look at our calendar and calculate that at this moment, you, our reader, are somewhere in the waning days of December... the twilight of the year.

And so we momentarily swivel our swivel-chairs about putting the lampoonery, the buffoonery out of sight and out of mind, and we take up the pleasanter spirit of purely good cheer.

To each and every one of you good readers, we would like to send to you our greetings of the season. To each and every one of you, may you have the Very-est, Merriest Christmas...and/or (depending when you read this, be that as it might), may you have the Happiest, Carefree-est New Year that you have ever experienced and may you have many many more of the same for the rest of your natural-born days.

-the Editors and Staff